25X1

CLASSIFICATION 3---Chia

CENTRAL INTELLIGIBLE ACCION INFORMATION REPOR

REPORT

COUNTRY

Last Cermany

DATE DISTR

CD NO.

3 May 1555

2

SUBJECT

Trade-Union elections

NO. OF PAGES

25**X**1

PLACE ACQUIRED

TION OF ITS

STATE

NO. OF ENCLS.

20

DATE OF INFO.

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.

THE IS-UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

25X1

- (conference of Bezirk delegates) (BDK). Thile previously, the members of BGLs were elected in secret balloting, the 1955 elections are held in a way which formall practical purposes must be considered as open voting. The new electoral procedure has been designed to increase the influence of the San and FDGB. Industrial enterprises and administrative agencies with fewer than 300 employees will use the old electoral procedure while the new system of open voting will be applied in enterprises having more than 300 employees. According to the new procedure, special "Arbeitagruppen", the strength of which varies from 8 to 40 mem, nominate in non-secret procedures the delegates ("ahlmaenner), who will later elect the members of the shop trade-union management. This election must be carried out by 1 March 1955. Since delegates have been picked in advance by the SED and have been influenced accordingly, no worker ever dares oppose the proposals made by them for the election of specific delegates. The individual "Arbeitsgruppen" are dominated by reliable SED men. The new electoral procedure introduced for major industrial enterprises and administrative agencies will have the result of making the BGLs of these enterprises consist exclusively of SED men.
- 2. The "Arbeitsgruppen" will elect delegates on the basis of the following figures:

Enterprises with a work force of up to 8 elect 1 delegate
""" 12 " 2 delegates
""" 12 " 2 delegates
""" 12 " 3 "
""" 136 " 4 "
""" 136 " 5 "

 	C	LA	SSIFICATION	NC	C-R-E-T
 ĸ	NAVY	¥	MSRB		DISTRIBUTION
 Y.	AIR	¥	PBI		

25**X**1

SEORET

25X1

- 2 -

The new system of electing the members of EGLs through delegates nominated by the "Arbeitsgruppen" will exclude any worker who might feel inclined so protest against the increase of work norms and the exploitation of labor. All opposition against the GED and the FLGB will henceforth cease in major industrial enterprises and administrative agencies of the SED. The new electoral procedure was introduced because the SED leadership was well aware of the great discontent prevailing among the East German population. This discontent was further nourished by the new regulation concerning the receiving of parcels from West Germany. The workers are disgusted, depressed, and in a mood of despair.

5. Simultaneously with the elections for the BGLs, elections are being held for the Conferences of Basirk Delegates. In this case also, the members of these conferences will be elected by delegates (Wahlmaenner) who have been nominated in non-secret procedure by the "Arbeitsgruppen". One representative is elected for these Conferences of District Delegates for every 100 workers of a given enterprise. Only reliable SED men will be elected.

25X1

SECRET

Approved For Release 2008/06/11: CIA-RDP80-00810A006300330009-0 CLASSIFICATION S-E-C-R-E-T

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

REPORT

INFORMATION REPORT

CD NO.

25X1

COUNTRY

East Germany

DATE DISTR.

3 May 1955

SUBJECT

Trade-Union Elections

NO. OF PAGES

2

PLACE ACQUIRED

DATE OF

INFO.

NO. OF ENCLS. (LISTED BELOW)

25X1

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.

this document contains information affecting the national defense of the united states, within the meaning of title 18, sections 793 and 794, of the U.S. Code, as amended. Lys transmission of revel-ation of 112 contents to as amended.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

25X1

25X1

- Between 3 January and 1 March 1955, elections were held in all GDR industrial enterprises and administrative agencies for the nomination of Betriebs-Gewerkschafts-Leitungen (shop trade-union manggements) (BGL) and for the Bezirks-Delegierten-Konferenz (conference of Bezirk delegates) (BDK). While previously, the members of BGLs were elected in exercit calloting, the 1955 elections are held in a way which are the purposes must be considered as open voting. The new calloting has been designed to increase voting. The new control of the same rooms has been designed to increase the influence of the Sam and room. Industrial enterphises and voting. The new administrative agencies with fewer than 300 employees will use the old electural procedure while the new system of open voting will be applied in enterprises having more than 300 employees. According to the new procedure, special "Arbeitsgruppen", the strength of which varies from 8 to 40 men, nominate in non-secret procedures the delegates (Wahlmaenner) whokwill later elect the members of the shop trade-union management. This election must be carried out by 1 March 1955. Since delegates have been picked in advance by the SED and have been influenced accordingly, no worker ever dares oppose the proposals made by them for the election of specific delegates. The individual "Arbeitsgruppen" are dominated by reliable SED men. The new electoral procedure introduced for major industrial enterprises a and administrative agencies will have the result of making the BGLs of these enterprises consist exclusively of SED men.
- 2. The "Arbeitsgruppen" will elect delegates on the basis of the following figures:

Enterprises	with a	work force	ď	E p	to	8 0	elect	1	delegate
••	16	*1	•	14	11	12	11	2	delegates
**	**	19	•	Ħ			19	3	H
**	**	11	11	11	17	28	**	4	H
**		11	**	**	22	36	11	5	11
**	11	11	11	**	**	44	**	6	**

			٠٠		R	S-K-C-R-E-S		
STATE	x	NAVY	x	NSRB		DISTRIBUTION		
ARMY	T	AIR	~	FBI				

25X1

SECRET .

3.

		- 2 -			25X1
nominated a might feel and the expense was introdustratives the received depressed, a	stem of electing the by the "Arbeitsgrup inclined to protes ploitation of laborill henceforth ceastive agencies of the uced because the SE content prevailing number was further not mand in a mood of design the stem of the second of design the second of t	pen" will excl t against the . All oppositi e in major in the SED. The name in the SED. The name in the second of the second among the East courished by the west Germany.	de any worker which increase of work on against the Simulation of the second of the se	no norms ED and ES and Esta and Esta and concerning disgusted,	
being held also, the r (Wahlmaenno the "Arbeit Conference:	usly with the elect for the Conference members of these co er) who have been n tsgruppen". One rep s of District Deleg . Only reliable SEI	s of Bezirk De inferences will cominated in no cresentative is cates for every	legates. In this be elected by do n-secret-procedur elected for the 100 workers of	case, elegates re by se	
Sport Sommer	ent. The present r	eport is a fur control over t	ther indication the East German	that the	25 X 1
					25X1
	Secret .				25X1